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FOR SHLAUDEMAN FROM LUERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT KINGSTON 3988 ACTION SECSTATE 17 SEP 1976

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 3988

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, ASEC, JM, US

SUBJECT: GOJ RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATION CONCERNING MISSION
STAFF SECURITY

REF: KINGSTON 3976

1. REFTEL PROVIDED TEXT OF NOTE DELIVERED TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY EVENING SEPTEMBER 16 WHICH ADVISED THE GOJ THAT
WE HOLD IT RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY OF ALL STAFF IN WAKE AGEE
ALLEGATIONS. FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMSEC FRANCIS ADVISED US
AT ABOUT 2030 HOURS THAT HE PERSONALLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH
P.. MANLEY WHO STATED FOLLOWING:

A. HE (MANLEY) HAD LEARNED OF AGEE'S SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS
ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE FRANCIS CALLED.

B. HE HAD ALREADY PASSED THE WORD TO ALL MEDIA THAT NO
NAMES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WERE TO BE PUBLISHED.

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C. HE HAD INSTRUCTED SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE PROTECTION FOR ALL CONCERNED.

2. A MIDDLE-RANKING OFFICER OF THE JAMAICAN CONSTABULARY FORCES DID CALL AMBASSADOR AT ABOUT 2200 HOURS BUT WAS ADVISED THAT SUFFICIENT PRECAUTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY US FOR THE TIME BEING. IT WAS AGREED EMBASSY AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH TODAY.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MANLEY BECAME AWARE OF AGEE'S SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS ONLY YESTERDAY EVENING. IF THIS WERE THE CASE, NEWS COVERAGE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF THE AGEE PRESS CONFERENCE MOST CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE INCLUDED THE NAMES LISTED BY AGEE. IN ANY EVENT, THE LISTS OF NAMES THAT AGEE HANDED OUT TO MANY REPORTERS AND OTHERS PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE UNDOUBTEDLY ARE BEING CIRCULATED WIDELY, INCLUDING TO VARIOUS RADICAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS OF JAMAICAN SOCIETY.

4. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON RELATED DEVELOPMENTS AND SECURITY MEASURES BEING TAKEN. GERARD UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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